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15      Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MINIMIZING  
 SPECTRAL INTERFERENCE DUE TO WITHIN  
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 IN-SITU SPECTRAL SAMPLING OF TISSUE**

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

40      This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2004 in the above-identified United States Patent Application. A list of pending claims is provided herewith for the convenience of the Examiner, and starts on page 2 of this paper. The remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

The Application is amended as follows:

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- Claims 30, 34 and 54 are amended; and
- Claim 33 is cancelled from the application.